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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

James N Smalley

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/17/03; 11/17/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities: The claims are replete with grammatical errors. Some examples are:

Claim 1, line 2, "small cylinder" should read "a small cylinder."

Claim 1, lines 7-8, "locking protrusion ring" should read "a locking protrusion ring."

Claim 1, lines 14-15, "to rotation tube" should be changed to "to said rotation tube."

Claim 2, lines 4-5, "nearly" should be changed to "substantially."

Claim 3, lines 1-2, "a opening angle" should read "an opening angle."

Claim 4, line 2, "f" should read "of said."

Claim 7, lines 2-3, "packing piece" should read "a packing piece."

Claim 7, line 5, "protrusion ring" should read "said protrusion ring."

Further regarding claims 7-8, "No. 2 container body" should be changed to "number 2 container body," or vice versa, for consistent phraseology.

Appropriate correction is required. Examiner notes the previous examples are not comprehensive, and that it is the Applicant's responsibility to correct all instances and present claims in allowable form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claim 1, from which claims 2-10 depend, recites:

The limitation "the inner wall" in line 3;

The limitation "the lower inner wall" in line 5;

The limitation "locking protrusion ring" in lines 7-8; (Examiner notes there are two instances of the limitation on these lines, but it appears they are intended to describe separate structures.)

The limitation "tubular axle" in line 14;

Claim 3, the limitation "protrusion" in lines 2, 4 and 5;

Claim 5, the limitation "the stored material" in line 2;

Regarding claim 7, line 5, the limitation "flange shaped" is unclear.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim. Examiner notes the previous examples are not comprehensive, and that it is the Applicant's responsibility to correct all instances and present claims in allowable form.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US 6,382,410	US 3,352,445
US 6,378,533	US 3,441,033
US 6,070,749	US 3,235,145
US 5,632,394	US 2,358,194
US 4,807,773	US 1,998,373
US 4,183,443	US 1,575,097
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James N Smalley whose telephone number is (571) 272-4547. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9-6:30, Alternate Fri 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee Young can be reached on (571) 272-4549. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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